

## Abstract

An apparatus for triggering personal protection means, having a surroundings sensor suite and a contact sensor suite, is proposed, which apparatus influences a pedestrian protection algorithm (16) as a function of a first signal of the surroundings sensor suite, and influences a pre-crash algorithm (15) as a function of a second signal of the pedestrian protection algorithm (16) that takes into account a third signal of the contact sensor suite (13), the apparatus triggering the personal protection means (12) as a function of a fourth signal of the pedestrian protection algorithm (16) and a fifth signal of the pre-crash algorithm (15).

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